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At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Pūhuona, 4 miles from Hilo, April 9, 1910.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Ramus reports, October 10:

HONOLULU.

Week ended October 8, 1910.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total rats and mongoose taken..... | 656 |
| Rats trapped..... | 631 |
| Mongoose trapped..... | 11 |
| Rats found dead..... | 0 |
| Rats shot from trees..... | 14 |
| Examined bacteriologically..... | 573 |
| Plague rats..... | 0 |
| Classification of rats trapped: | |
| <i>Mus alexandrinus</i> | 104 |
| <i>Mus musculus</i> | 195 |
| <i>Mus norvegicus</i> | 73 |
| <i>Mus rattus</i> | 259 |
| Classification of rats shot from trees: | |
| <i>Mus alexandrinus</i> | 4 |
| <i>Mus rattus</i> | 6 |
| Average number of traps set daily..... | 1,720 |

INDIA.

CALCUTTA—Cholera, Plague, and Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, September 29 and October 8:

During the week ended September 10 there were 12 deaths from cholera and 5 from plague in Calcutta; in all Bengal, 130 cases of plague with 96 deaths; in all India, 2,839 cases of plague with 2,057 deaths.

In Calcutta during the week ended September 17 there were 15 deaths from cholera and 8 from plague and 1 death from smallpox; in all Bengal, 103 cases of plague with 81 deaths; in all India, 3,530 cases of plague with 2,523 deaths.

ITALY.

Status of Cholera.

Surgeon Geddings at Naples reports, October 17:

During the week ended October 15 cholera was reported in Italy as follows:

| | Cases. | Deaths. |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Naples city..... | 68 | 29 |
| <i>Province of Naples.</i> | | |
| Afragola..... | 7 | 1 |
| Arzano..... | 6 | 0 |
| Casoria..... | 3 | 0 |
| Barra..... | 4 | 1 |
| Castellamare di Stabia..... | 11 | 2 |
| Cardito..... | 2 | 0 |
| Chiaiano..... | 1 | 0 |
| Crispano..... | 1 | 0 |
| Fratte Maggiore..... | 3 | 1 |
| Giugliano..... | 2 | 0 |
| Monte di Procida..... | 2 | 0 |
| Mugnano di Napoli..... | 1 | 0 |
| Piano di Sorrento..... | 1 | 0 |

| | Cases. | Deaths. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| <i>Province of Naples—Continued.</i> | | |
| Ponticelli..... | 1 | 1 |
| Resina..... | 1 | 1 |
| San Antimo..... | 2 | 0 |
| Secondigliano..... | 1 | 2 |
| San Giovanni di Teduccio..... | 6 | 0 |
| Torre del Greco..... | 1 | 0 |
| Vico Equense..... | 1 | 0 |
| Puzzuoli..... | 10 | 4 |
| | 67 | 13 |
| <i>Province of Avellino.</i> | | |
| Monteforte Irprino..... | 1 | 0 |
| Forino..... | 1 | 1 |
| | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Province of Bari.</i> | | |
| Ceglie..... | 1 | 0 |
| Molfetta..... | 7 | 1 |
| | 8 | 1 |
| <i>Province of Caserta.</i> | | |
| Caserta..... | 2 | 0 |
| Acerra..... | 2 | 2 |
| Arienza..... | 1 | 0 |
| Aversa..... | 37 | 18 |
| Camposano..... | 1 | 0 |
| Formia..... | 1 | 1 |
| Grazzanise..... | 2 | 1 |
| Maddaloni..... | 27 | 7 |
| Marigliano..... | 3 | 0 |
| | 76 | 29 |
| <i>Province of Campobano.</i> | | |
| Isernia..... | 3 | 1 |
| <i>Province of Foggia.</i> | | |
| Cerignola..... | 1 | 4 |
| <i>Province of Salerno.</i> | | |
| Salerno..... | 7 | 2 |
| Mercato San Severino..... | 4 | 2 |
| Nocera Superiore..... | 1 | 1 |
| Pagani..... | 1 | 0 |
| Pellezzano..... | 1 | 0 |
| | 14 | 5 |
| <i>Province of Rome.</i> | | |
| City of Rome..... | 4 | 0 |

In general it may be said that the conditions have remained about stationary in Italy as a whole since the last report. The infection of the original foci in Apulia has disappeared except in the towns of Ceglie, Molfetta, and Cerignola, with an increase in Molfetta. The diffusion of the disease in other provinces is probably rather apparent than real, and is due to increased activity on the part of the local officials.

Conditions in Naples.—In general this may be said to have improved, though from time to time there are slight increases in the number of cases and deaths, which can generally be traced to excesses of eating and drinking on feast days and holidays. The declination of virulence is marked, and there is every ground for the hope and belief that in the next two weeks there will be a practical disappearance of the infection.

A very large proportion of the cases reported in Naples can now be traced to the Vicaria, a section notably insanitary, and which is not always supplied with the excellent Serino water distributed to the remainder of the city, but which in spite of warnings and protests receives most of its water for industrial and economic uses from the Bolla Aqueduct, a source suspected of infection and intended to be used for industrial purposes only. This is another practical demonstration of the danger of a dual water supply, especially in the hands of an ignorant and indifferent population. The establishment of economic and free kitchens has also notably diminished the spread of the infection, and has gone far to relieving the distress among the lower classes, among whom the condition was becoming acute at the date of my last report.

On October 31 no cases of, nor deaths from, cholera had been reported in Naples for 5 days.

Doctor Geddings further reported:

October 25 to 30, 36 cases of cholera, with 14 deaths, were reported in localities of Italy outside of Naples.

Smallpox in Italy.

During the week ended October 16, 4 cases of smallpox were reported from the city of Palermo, and 1 case at Provaglio di Isco, Province of Brescia. From August 30 to October 8, 39 cases of smallpox have been reported at Lungro, Province of Cosenza.

NAPLES—Examination of Emigrants.

Doctor Geddings reported:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo week ended October 15.

NAPLES.

| Date. | Name of ship. | Destination. | Steerage passengers inspected and passed. | Pieces of baggage inspected and passed. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Oct. 11 | Taormina..... | Philadelphia..... | 989 | | 1,272 |
| 15 | Mongibello..... | New York..... | | | |

PALERMO.

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|---------|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|----|
| Oct. 15 | Prinzess Irene..... | New York..... | 185 | 150 | 75 |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|----|

Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

| Date. | Name of ship. | Trachoma. | Favus. | Suspected trachoma. | Measles. | Other causes. | Total. |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|----------|---------------|--------|
| Oct. 11 | Taormina..... | 25 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 39 |
| 15 | Mongibello..... | | | | | | |

PALERMO.

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|---------|---------------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|----|
| Oct. 15 | Prinzess Irene..... | 8 | | 5 | | 6 | 19 |
|---------|---------------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|----|